

# SENIOR WEEKLY



PARENTS ARE PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILD TO PASS THE SUNUNG. OTHER THAN PRAYING, KOREANS GIVE RICE CAKE, FORK, AND TISSUE PAPER FOR PRESENTS TO SENIORS FOR THE SUNUNG.

## D-100 COUNTDOWN FOR SENIORS

As the Sunung (Korean version of SAT) approaches, the seniors get busier. With less than a hundred days until the sunung, they are focusing on their weakest subjects. From calculus to Korean History, they have about

thirteen subjects to cover. As the sunung approaches, not only the stress of the senior's increase but the attendance and registration of hagwons are increasing as well. The seniors are getting double the amount of stress

from the hagwons and from the sunung. During the sunung season, it's best to not annoy the stressed out seniors!

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## FEATURING.....



STUDYING TIPS FROM THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SURVEY ON THE NECESSITY OF HAGWONS



IT'S A SECRET! - GOOD STUDYING HABITS

# HOW DID YOU PREPARE?

SENIOR WEEKLY INTERVIEWED JUNIORS AND SENIORS FOR YOU FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES! HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR YOU GUYS ON HOW TO STUDY!

*Anna Kim: Junior, current high school student council president*

SW(Senior Weekly): Isn't it hard being a junior and a student council president?

Anna: I'm not a successful president (laughs)! Well, I am spending my junior year quite busily. I have to take care of the up coming social, present ideas, and check with our principal if our ideas work; and that is only for the student council. As a junior, I'm taking three AP courses: Economy, Chemistry, and Literature. I have to spend hours and hours to just finish my AP assignments.

SW: How do you manage your time efficiently if you're so busy?

Anna: I manage my time by using the agenda. Writing important dates, like tests and project due dates on the calendar also help me remind that I have to study.

*Linda Shim: Senior, August's student of the month*

SW: Can you advise the lower class-men some good study habits?

Linda: The best way to study would be to cut out any relationships you have, but I don't really recommend that (laughs)! You have to know how to manage your time. Know when you have to quit facebook and msn. Be aware of the clock. Also buy study guides to help you. You can study APs on your own, and hagwons are not the only solution to getting a 5 on the AP test. I find hagwons very unhelpful. It just takes up my time and after hagwons, I simply have no strength to do anything except sleep. Rather, I highly recommend studying partners. Find a friend or make a study group yourself to get some good information from your friends!



ANNA KIM

I THINK HAGWONS ARE JUST STUPID. IT'S FOR MOMS WHO WANTS TO EMULATE HER FRIEND. WHAT I WOULD ADVISE OTHERS TO DO IS TO BUY BOOKS THAT WILL HELP YOU. THE AP BIOLOGY STUDY GUIDE FROM BARRON'S HELPED ME A LOT. HOWEVER IT IS NOT ABOUT HOW GOOD A STUDY GUIDE YOU HAVE, IT'S ABOUT HOW GOOD A STUDY HABIT YOU'VE GOT!



JASON CHUNG

HAGWONS? I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE SO I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S HELPFUL OR NOT, BUT SEEING MY CLASSMATES ALL DEAD AFTER ONE NIGHT OF HAGWON, I'D RATHER NOT GO. I DON'T THINK IT'S A BENEFIT TO GO TO HAGWONS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON YOUR SCHOOL CLASSES. TO ME, HAGWON=SLEEP DEPRIVATION.



LINDA SHIM

MAKE A STUDY GROUP! DON'T STUDY ALONE! KOREANS TEND TO AVOID STUDYING IN A GROUP BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO GIVE AWAY ANY INFORMATION TO THEIR "COMPETITORS." BUT I THINK AS YOU TEACH OTHERS, YOU GET TO REINFORCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AS WELL. IT'S ALSO SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN THAT STUDY GROUPS ARE BENEFICIAL!



## ABOUT ME



### SEPTEMBER'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Name:** Elisa Kang

**Grade:** Sophomore

**Hagwons:** None

**Tutors:** One for Spanish

**Current GPA:** 4.03

**Accepted college:** Seoul,  
Koreu, Ihwa

**I SAY...:** Life's not all about grades. I'm not saying just play mindlessly, but colleges want somebody who's active and fun! You should know how to study well and play well; the first step to becoming the student of the month.

## HALLOWEEN SOCIAL COMING UP!

**WHEN:** Oct 31st right on  
Halloween!

**WHERE:** Meet at the high  
school student lounge

**WHAT:** Haunted house,  
dance, talent show, pizza!!

**THEME:** SPOOKY!

**MISS IT IF YOU DARE**

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### SENIOR TIMES CONDUCTED A SURVEY ON WHAT STUDENTS THINK ABOUT HAGWONS.

Senior Times asked our high school students on what they thought about hagwons. It was sheerly surprising. 78.7% of the students (74 out of 94) replied that hagwons are necessary. We asked a few sophomores why they voted "hagwon is necessary." It was that in order to get high scores on tests, it is necessary to go to a hagwon to get some help. Other students who voted for "not necessary" told us that hagwons have side-effects. Now what are those side-effects that were mentioned? First, hagwons cause sleep deprivation. This can lead to a low participation in school, and fatigue. "Hagwons are suppose to help students get higher grades not lower them!" Nell Lym (9th) tells us. Second, hagwons are a waste of money. "Hagwon is just a place where they give you study guides and make us solve the problems. The teachers rarely teach. Even though they lecture, they go so fast so nobody understands. No questions are allowed." Gill Park tells the truth about hagwons. There are varying arguments on the necessities of hagwons in order to go to a good college. But first we must consider the fundamental reason why we are going to hagwons and explore the side-effects and benefits of hagwons thoroughly.

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Hagwon is necessary

74

Not necessary but  
good if you go

11

Don't need to go to  
hagwons

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## WHAT'S ON OCTOBER

1. HALLOWEEN SOCIAL
2. STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE- EVERY TUESDAY
3. VEGGIE BARBEQUE PARTY- HOSTED BY ACTIONS OF COMPASSION
4. KISTIVAL- HOSTED BY NHS
5. 2ND QUARTER BEGINS!
6. FLEE MARKET- HOSTED BY NHS